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**REMARKS**

The status of the claims is as follows in Claim Chart A:

CLAIM CHART A	
Claims amended	2, 5 to 7
Claims cancelled	1, 3, 4, 11 to 13
Claims retained as is	8 to 10
Claims added	14 to 18
Claims now in application	2, 5 to 10, 14 to 18

The Examiner's indication that claims 4 to 11 and 13 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form is gratefully acknowledged. Accordingly, this is what applicant has done such that the only claims remaining in this application, that is, claims 2, 5 to 10 and 14 to 18 set forth subject matter indicated allowable by the Examiner.

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New independent claims 14 to 18 have been added. The subject matter of these new independent claims include the subject matter of multiple claims as set forth in the following Claim Chart B:

CLAIM CHART B	
New Claim	Includes Subject Matter of Claims
14	3 and 4
15	3 and 5
16	3 and 7
17	3 and 11
18	1, 12, and 13

By way of example, new claim 14 includes the subject matter of claims 3 and 4 and therefore represents claim 4 in independent form. In view of the Examiner's indication, claim 14 is considered in condition for allowance. Similarly, each of claims 15 to 18 recite subject matter indicated allowable by the Examiner.

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Certain dependent claims were amended to change their dependency as set forth in the following Claim Chart C:

CLAIMS CHART C		
Dependent Claim	Depends on Claim	Includes Subject Matter of Claims
2	18	1, 2, 12, 13
5	14	3, 4, 5
6	14	3, 4, 6
7	14	3, 4, 7
8	6	3, 4, 6, 8
9	6	3, 4, 6, 9
10	9	3, 4, 6, 9, 10

By way of example, the Examiner indicated that claim 13 would be allowable if submitted in independent form. However, claim 13 depended on claim 12 which is a multiple dependent claim in that claim 12 depended on claims 1 or 2. Thus, claim 13 encompasses the subject matter of claims 13, 12, and 1. New independent claim 18 represents claims 1, 12 and 13 in independent form. Claim 2 which has been amended to depend on claim 18 encompasses the subject matter of claims 1, 2, 12 and 13. This is indicated in the above Claim Chart C. In view of the Examiner's indication, amended claim 2 is believed in condition for allowance.

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Similarly, each of claims 5 to 7 and 8 to 10 have been amended to change the claim dependency so that these amended claims are directed to subject matter considered allowable by the Examiner. This can be discerned by considering Claim Chart C which indicates the subject matter encompassed by each of amended dependent claims 2, 5 to 7 and 8 to 10.

In view of the above, all of the claims in this application are directed to subject matter considered allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, the allowance of claims 2, 5 to 10 and 14 to 18 is respectfully requested.

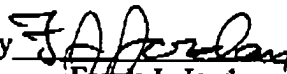
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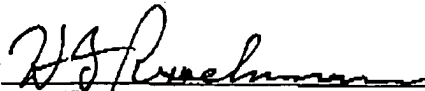
There are now five independent claims in this application, that is, claims 14 to 18. Please charge \$172.00 for the two additional independent claims (in excess of 3) at \$86.00 each to Deposit Account 10-1250. If there are any additional charges, please charge to this same Deposit Account No.

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